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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP. NO. 1635**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**In re Application of:**

**Muthiah Manoharan**

**Serial No.: 09/965,551**

**Filing Date: September 27, 2001**

**For: Carbohydrate or 2' Modified Oligonucleotides Having Alternating Internucleoside Linkages**

**Confirmation No.: 3873**

**Group Art Unit: 1635**

**Examiner: Schultz, James**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116**

This is in response to the Official Action (Final Rejection) dated 11/20/2002, issued in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 34 to 51 without prejudice to their being present in a continuing

application.

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